

STORRS &  
CO. MASS.  
Leicester, Nov. 7. 1844.

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Your kind letter of 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. was duly received. I am altogether willing, and had quite determined, to send you ~~the~~ a copy of the letter of which you speak for publication in the "Standard". Soon after yours was received, I received a letter from my cousin S. J. May, who told me that he had spoken to you of the letter in such a way that he thought you would ask it for publication in the "Standard": He added that he thought it would do more good, should it first appear in the "Christian World". I have written to him in reply that I ~~do~~ have no objection to its appearance in the "World"; but that, if my recollection was right, G. G. Channing (the editor of that paper) was present in Berry Dr. Verity last February when I read that letter to my brother ministers, and, had he been willing & desirous to publish it, would have asked (probably) for its publication at that time; that, as he had not asked it, or said a word to me about it, tho' we have met repeatedly since, I did not feel very much disposed to give his paper a preference, now that the

letter had been asked, for publication, from another  
quarter. I added, that as it might be that I was  
mistaken in thinking G. & C. present at the time  
referred to, & as he might never have heard of such  
a letter, & would be very glad to publish ~~it, the letter~~,  
I would not decide the matter till I had heard from him  
(S. J. M.) again.

My own preference, under  
existing circumstances, is for the "Standard"; - as you  
have so kindly thought proper to ask me. The  
letter was originally written to be made publick  
in England, and I have regretted that it was not  
Rev. G. Armstrong of Bristol, to whom it was addressed  
thought to save me some very looks and cold-  
shoulder at home by not making it publick - and  
so, instead, handed it about, & (as he informed me)  
sent it about by Mail, to various gentlemen - which  
latter, under their system of postage - whose praises can  
not be too loudly said or sung, is a very easy thing,  
and burdensome to nobody.

I have not forgotten my "promise", as you call it,  
for the "Liberty Bell". I had forgotten that it was quite  
so stringent as that. I have no other objection to

wrote for it, save that, whenever I set out to write for any such object, I can never write anything worth publishing - i.e. I have generally found it to be so.

I will however endeavour to furnish you with something, as soon as may be. I think it an honorable place for any one to appear in.

By the last Steamship, I received a letter from  
Rev. G. Armstrong of Bristol "from which I make  
the following extract: "There is a parcel  
in preparation here for the Anti-Slavery Bazaar  
at Boston; - which however cannot be  
dispatched before the Nov. packet. I fancy  
it will be consigned to the care of Messrs. Wilmer and  
Smith, American agents, Liverpool."

Believe me, dear Mr. Chapman,  
With sincere respect,

Yours  
Samuel May.

Nov 7. 1844  
J. May.

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